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LETTRE DU FELDMARSCHALL MILCH du 20 Mai 1942 au S.S. Obergruppenführer WOLFF au sujet des expériences faites à DACHAU, et lettre à HIMMLER du 31 Aout 1942.

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STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

By: E. F. Jasinski
Date: 20 Sept 1946

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Title and/or general nature:	Letter from General MILCH to Karl WOLFF re: freezing experiments
Date:	20 May 42
Source (Location of original, etc.):	7th Army Document Center
Language of original:	German
PERSONS, FIRMS OR ORGANIZATIONS, IMPLICATED:	Generalfeldmarschall E. MILCH Major (Medical Corps) WELTZ Karl WOLFF Sigmund RASCHER
TO BE FILED UNDER THESE REFERENCE HEADINGS:	Same as above Experiments on human beings Concentration camps - Dachau

SUMMARY (Indicate page nos. of original or translation):

Milch states that he has been informed by the Sanitaetsinspector that the high altitude experiments at Dachau have been completed. He sees no reason for continuing these experiments. However, it now seems important to carry out some other experiments concerning perils on the high seas, and preparations have been made for these with the approval of the departments concerned. Oberstabsarzt Weltz will be charged with their execution and Rascher will be made available, although he will continue to be attached to the Air Force. It doesn't seem necessary at this time to make any changes in these plans or to extend them in any way.

The low-pressure chamber will not be needed for these experiments. However, it is urgently needed elsewhere and can therefore no longer be kept at Dachau.

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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

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2. ATROCITIES: Against Civilians

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM; LEADS:
General Fieldmarshal MILCH, SS General Karl WOLFF,
Dr. WELTZ, Dr. RASCHER

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. In this letter to SS General Wolff, Milch tells of experiments in Dachau with high altitude conditions. These have now been terminated and preparations have been made for experiments of under-water conditions. Chief Staff Physician Weltz is in charge with Staff Physician Rascher as assistant.
2. It is implied that these experiments have been carried out with human beings, inmates of the Dachau Concentration Camp. Among the instruments used was a high pressure chamber to simulate under-water conditions.

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TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT 343-PS
OFFICE OF U S CHIEF COUNSEL

Field Marshall Milch

Berlin,-W 8, 31 Aug. 1942
Leipzigerstrasse 7

Dear Mr. Himmler !

I thank you very much for your letter of the 25 Aug. I have read with great interest the reports of Dr. Rascher and Dr. Romberg. I am informed about the current experiments. I shall ask the two gentlemen to give a lecture combined with the showing of motion pictures to my men in the near future.

Hoping that it will be possible for me to see you at the occassion of my next visit to Hoqdquarters I remain with best regards and

Heil Hitler !

/s/ yours

E. M i l c h.

Mr. Reichsfuehrer SS and

Chief of the German Police Himmler

B e r l i n SW 11.

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S E C R E T

Field Marshal Milch

Berlin W 8, 2o May 1942
Leipzigerstrasse 7

Dear Wolffy !

In reference to your telegramm of 12 May our sanitary inspector reports to me that the altitude experiments carried out by the SS and Air Force at Dachau have been finished. Any continuation of these experiments seems essentially unreasonable. However the carrying out of experiments of some other kind, in regard to perils at high seas, would be important. These have been prepaired in immediate agreement with the proper offices; Major (M.C.) Weltz will be charged with the execution and Capt (M.C.) Rascher will be made available until further orders in addition to his duties within the Medical Corps of the Air Corps. A change of these measures does not appear necessary, and an enlargement of the tas[illegible] not considerred pressing at this time.

The [illegible]w-pressure chamber would not be needed for these low-t[illegible]atur experiments. Is it urgently needed at another plac[illegible] therefore can no longer remain in Duchau.

[illegible]nvey the special thanks from the supreme commander of [illegible]r Corps to the SS for their extensive cooperation.

[illegible]main with best wishes for you in good comradship and wi[illegible]

Heil Hitler !

Always yours

s/s E. M i l c h

Mr. SS-Obergruppenfuehrer Wolff
Berlin SW 11.

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OF DOCUMENT 343-PS

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